

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2651
Mallary et al.)
Serial No. 10/697,075) Examiner: Davidson
Filed: October 30, 2003)
Confirmation No. 8116)
Atty. File No.: 3123-526)
For: "LONGITUDINAL MEDIA WITH)
SOFT UNDERLAYER AND)
PERPENDICULAR WRITE HEAD")

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 2, 2006, with respect to the above-identified Application.

Applicants do not believe that any extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required. However, if such an extension is required please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.